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FOR HUD SECRETARY LYNN AND NSF

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SUBJECT: NON- MILITARY CHAPTER OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION

AGREEMENT: HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1. MY STAFF HAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION A POTENTIAL PROBLEM, RESOLUTION OF WHICH APPEARS TO REQUIRE YOUR ATTENTION. AS YOU KNOW, SECRETARY ROMNEY AND SPANISH MINISTER OF HOUSING MORTES SIGNED A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING IN 1971 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING EXPERIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. SINCE THEN A SERIES OF PROJECTS HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND A NUMBER HAVE BEEN CARRIED FORWARD TO THE ENTIRE SATISFACTION OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT. ALL HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING FINANCED UNDER THE NON- MILITARY CHAPTERS OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE US WITH FUNDS HERETOFORE ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

2. YOUR OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS HAS PREPARED A PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERAGENCY PROJECT SUPPORT AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD TRANSFER THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ONGOING PROJECTS TO THE DEPT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. APPARENTLY SOME DIFFICULTY HAS ARISEN IN THE LEGAL AND BUDGETARY AREA OF YOUR DEPARTMENT WHICH IS HOLDING UP TIMELY APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT WITHIN HUD. IT NOW CANNOT BE TRANSMITTED TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. IT NEEDS TO BE ACTED ON THERE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY TO ENSURE COMMITMENT OF THESE FUNDS.

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3. MY PREOCCUPATION IS THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT SHOULD THIS WORTHY SERIES OF PROJECTS BE STALLED FOR PURELY ADMINISTRATION REASONS. THE MINISTRY OF VIVIENDA HAS MET ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS INSOFAR AS PROJECT DEFINITION IS CONCERNED AND HAVE THEIR PERSONNEL READY TO TRAVEL, SEMINARS UNDER PREPARATION, AND SO ON. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO EXPLAIN WHY US WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS COMMITMENT TO FUND AND CARRY OUT THESE PROJECTS AS AGREED. MAY I CALL UPON YOUR COOPERATION ?

4. FOR NSF. IN THE INTERIM UNTIL THIS FUNDING PROBLEM CAN BE WORKED OUT, MAY I REQUEST THAT NSF CARRY ON AS FORMERLY.

5. FOR EUR/ IB JACK SMITH. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COORDINATING THIS WITH CU IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THE LOGJAM.
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